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Subject: W Fork Roadway slide

Commissioners, I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on this project. MDT is currently looking at the feasibility of initiating a design project. However, to date a funding source for design and construction still has not been identified. We have formal denials from Federal Highway administration on the option of ER funds and Western Federal Lands for Forest Highway Funding. However, we are still working to secure Public Lands Discretionary funds. If we get a denial from this funding source it will only leave Secondary Funds.

MDT has scheduled a meeting with yourselves and the other District 1 commissioners to at the MACO conference to discuss this further. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 13th at 4:30 PM. I hope by meeting collectively we can identify a strategy to resolve the funding issue, not just for West Fork, but also for other future emergencies that could happen on secondary roads district wide.

Sincerely,

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